

## Chapter 15

# Preapproved Wall Appendix: Specific Requirements and Details for SSL Concrete Panel Walls

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In addition to the general design requirements provided in **Appendix 15-A**, the following specific requirements apply to the design of the SSL MSE Plus<sup>TM</sup> Retaining Wall:

The design of the wall system shall be consistent with the HITEC report for this system (HITEC, 1999, *Evaluation of the SSL MSE Plus<sup>TM</sup> Retaining Wall System*, ASCE, CERF Report No. 40441) and **WSDOT GDM Chapter 15**. SSL uses the AASHTO Standard Specifications for Highway Bridges (2002) as the basis for their wall design. Interim approval is given for the continued use of the AASHTO Standard Specifications as the basis for design.

Since the HITEC report was published, the connection details between the facing panels and the soil reinforcement strips have changed. Based on tests conducted through a CALTRANS project, the new connection details meet AASHTO requirements and are therefore acceptable. Note the connector shall be designed to have adequate life considering corrosion loss. Furthermore, the connector loops embedded in the facing panels shall be lined up such that the steel grid reinforcement cross bar at the connection is uniformly loaded. Therefore, regarding the alignment of the bearing surfaces of the embedded wire loops, once the steel grid is inserted into the loops, no loop shall have a gap between the loop and the steel grid cross bar of more than 0.125 inch.

Reinforcement pullout shall be calculated based on the default values for steel grid reinforcement provided in the AASHTO Specifications. If, at some future time product and soil specific pullout data is provided to support use of non-default pullout interaction coefficients, it should be noted that LRFD pullout resistance design using these product and soil specific interaction coefficients has not been calibrated using product specific data statistics and reliability theory. Therefore, the specified resistance factors in the GDM and AASHTO LRFD Specifications should not be considered applicable to product specific pullout interaction coefficients.

Approved details for the SSL MSE Plus<sup>TM</sup> wall system are provided in the following plan sheets. Exceptions and additional requirements regarding these approved details are as follows:

- In plan sheet 3 of 7, regarding the filter fabric shown, WSDOT reserves the right to require the use WSDOT Standard Specification materials as specified in Standard Specification Section 9-33 that are similar to those specified in this plan sheet.

In plan sheet 5 of 7, there should be a minimum cover of 4 inches of soil between the steel grid and the traffic barrier reaction slab.















